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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

HANCOCK, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1883.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. D. Tuttle, Town Treasurer, in account with the Town of Hancock, 1882.

Dr.

To cash in Treasurer's hands at close of last settlement,	$ 743 00	
State Bonds,	5700 00	
Cash received of County for County pauper,	78 00	
" " State Railroad Tax, 1882,	55 51	
" " State Sav. Bank Tax, 1882,	983 98	
" " State Literary Fund, 1882,	54 74	
" " State Treas., bounty money,	7 40	
" " Int. on State Bonds, 1882,	342 00	
" " Prem. on State Bonds sold,	1,206 25	
" " Interest on State Bonds from Jan., '83, to date,	36 10	
" " A. D. Tuttle for old library cases,	15 00	
" " John D. Butler,	10,000 00	
" " B. Goodhue, Col. 1882,	2,841 60	
" " B. Goodhue, interest,	1 25	
" " E. N. Baldwin, Col. 1881,	24 81	
" " E. N. Baldwin, interest,	2 48	
" " Selectmen, sale of J. D. Todd's effects,	92 19	
" " C. Turner, for wood for town hall,	6 00	
		$22,190 31

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By paying the several School Districts:

Prudential Committee.

District No. 1, W. F. Symonds,	$158 95
" 3, Mary A. Mulhall,	104 72
" 4, C. Fairfield,	64 04
" 5, J. S. Hayward,	84 38

District No. 6, W. A. Washburn,	91 16	
" 7, J. C. Wilkins,	91 16	
" 8, S. H. Gordon,	108 11	
" 9, A. S. Moore,	87 77	
Harrisville, 5, J. A. Tarbell,	25 00	
		$815 29

High School District.

Paid Edward R. Danforth, winter term, 1882–3,	$200 00

Support of Town Paupers.

For J. D. Todd:

Paid C. F. Fairfield, board and nursing,	$82 80	
J. Woodward, board one day,	50	
A. D. Tuttle, goods,	1 97	
H. H. DeBeck, medical services,	41 50	
Geo. B. Twitchell, medical services,	15 00	
T. F. Shea, house rent,	3 00	
J. G. Abbott, coffin,	12 75	

For J. D. Estabrooks:

Paid C. L. Otis, board and clothing,	51 15	
A. D. Tuttle, goods,	8 96	
W. F. Symonds, Overseer of the Poor,	5 00	
J. P. Hills, Overseer of the Poor,	11 00	
		$233 63

Support of County Pauper.

Paid Mrs. M. H. Priest, support of C. Howard,	$78 00

Highways and Bridges.

Paid J. Dodge, labor on highway,	$ 5 55
X. W. Brooks, " "	3 00
C. J. Davis, " "	2 93
C. H. Lee, " "	9 50
A. D. Wood, " "	3 00
G. Town, " "	3 24
J. P. Hills, plank for highway,	2 98
E. R. Danforth, plank and labor,	44 88
M. W. Rice, " "	3 78

W. A. Jaquith, lumber and labor,	25 12	
A. C. Ware, " "	8 70	
E. Mulhall, " "	7 00	
J. Duncan, " "	8 00	
J. B. Knight, " "	8 60	
Warren Stearns, repairing bridge,	8 00	
J. W. Coolidge, bridge plank,	41 18	
H. F. Robinson, railings,	3 00	
A. D. Tuttle, nails,	25	
Joseph Davis, powder, fuse, &c.,	1 85	
I. Farrington, snowing bridge, 1881,	2 00	
I. A. Knight, lumber and labor,	1 20	
		$193 76

Breaking Roads.

Paid M. E. Davis,	$ 18 10	
J. Duncan,	8 47	
C. Fairfield,	5 00	
A. C. Ware,	1 42	
C. A. Whittaker,	5 45	
Z. W. Brooks,	4 05	
J. W. & W. A. Wilds,	7 05	
M. N. Spaulding,	2 20	
D. Colby,	3 52	
G. L. Austin,	2 10	
W. Weston,	5 25	
J. S. Hayward,	5 85	
O. P. Mathews,	6 75	
J. Welch,	8 85	
B. F. Martin,	8 66	
W. Sawyer,	6 10	
F. Barney,	1 95	
J. D. Mathews,	3 85	
J. Dodge,	2 55	
H. F. Robinson,	3 60	
W. A. Washburn,	4 50	
B. Goodhue,	1 35	
T. Shea,	8 40	
C. H. Lee,	3 65	
A. D. Wood,	7 05	
A. Jaquith,	4 00	
M. Cassion,	1 10	
		$140 82

Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid Farnum & Scott, printing town reports,	$20 00	
H. H. DeBeck, return of births and deaths,	2 00	
S. H. Partridge, return of births and deaths,	25	
A. D. Tuttle, stationery for town,	71	
J. P. Hills, cash paid for express,	15	
J. P. Hills, 9 digest school laws and blanks,	13 15	
W. F. Symonds, bounty on crows,	7 40	
C. M. Sheldon, damage on highway,	6 00	
B. Goodhue, for check lists,	1 65	
Sentinel Printing Co., library catalogue,	60 00	
A. D. Tuttle, cash paid for depositing bonds,	10 00	
A. D. Tuttle, journey to Boston to sell bonds,	6 00	
J. W. Coolidge, wood for town hall & library,	6 83	
William Titus, wood for library,	14 00	
L. A. Tenney, grading front of library lot,	3 00	
J. S. Hayward, school house tax No. 5,	25 00	
C. R. Morrison, legal services,	288 00	
A. F. Stevens, legal services,	246 00	
C. L. Otis, watering trough,	3 00	
A. S. Moore, watering trough,	2 00	
M. Harrington, watering trough,	3 00	
Rufus Tuttle, watering trough,	2 00	
W. F. Symonds, watering trough,	3 00	
A. Jaquith, watering trough,	2 00	
O. Eaton, watering trough,	2 00	
Wm. Titus, for Town Library, interest on Hubbard and Hadley legacies, 1882,	120 00	
Ephraim Tyrrell, part of Hubbard legacy int.,	30 00	
N. H. Tyrrell, " " "	20 00	
Hartwell Tuttle, " " "	10 00	
J. Woodward, keeping tramps,	2 00	
C. Turner, fixing cemetery gate,	20	
C. Turner, tolling bell,	1 35	
C. Turner, for guide boards,	7 50	
C. Turner, care of town hall,	2 07	
		$920 26

Manchester & Keene Railroad Gratuity, Interest, and Court Costs.

Paid G. Y. Sawyer & Sawyer Jr.,	$2,283 75	
John H. Buttrick,	8,231 00	
Morton F. Hale,	6,608 56	
		$17,123 31

Paid State Treasurer, State tax,	$860 00
County Treasurer, County tax,	656 07
Non-Resident Highway tax, 1882,	74 89
Abatement of taxes for 1882,	79

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid Wm. Titus, Librarian,	$35 00	
A. D. Tuttle, Treasurer,	25 00	
A. D. Tuttle, Town Clerk,	27 27	
John Newell, care of Town Clock,	20 00	
B. Goodhue, Collector,	55 00	
J. S. Lakin, Supervisors' Bills,	12 00	
H. Gulick, Superintending School Committee,	45 00	
J. P. Hills, Selectman,	94 50	
W. F. Symonds, "	66 55	
A. G. Foster, "	58 50	
C. Turner, Police Officer,	2 00	
C. Turner, Sexton,	9 25	
Auditors,	3 00	
		$453 07

RECAPITULATION.

Money received by Treasurer,		$22,190 31

Money paid out by Treasurer:

Paid the several School Districts	$815 29	
High School District	200 00	
Support of Town Paupers	233 63	
Support of County Pauper	78 00	
Highways and Bridges	193 76	
Breaking Roads	140 82	
Miscellaneous Expenses	920 26	
M. & K. Railroad Gratuity, Interest and Court Costs	17,123 31	
State Tax,	860 00	
County Tax	656 07	
Non-Resident Highway Tax	74 89	
Abatement of Taxes, 1882	79	
Town Officers' Bills	453 07	
		$21,749 89

A. D. TUTTLE, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and duly vouched, and find a balance in the Treasurer's hands of four hundred and forty dollars and forty-two cents ($440.42).

EDWARD R. DANFORTH,
JOHN H. FELCH,
HENRY F. ROBINSON, } Auditors.

February 28, 1883.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Number of paupers assisted during the year—two.

Cost of assisting such paupers,	$233 63
Proceeds of the sale of J. D. Todd's estate,	102 36
Cost to the town for assisting said paupers,	$131 27

Number of County paupers supported during the year—one.

Cost of supporting such pauper,	$78 00

JOHN P. HILLS,
WILLIAM F. SYMONDS,
ADOLPHUS G. FOSTER, } Overseers of the Poor.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Valuation of the town by invoice taken April 1, 1882.

196 polls	$ 19,600 00	
Real estate,	233,415 00	
177 horses,	10,935 00	
119 oxen,	5,630 00	
574 cows,	14,029 00	
334 neat stock,	5,434 00	
366 sheep,	965 00	
42 hogs,	392 00	
14 carriages,	820 00	
Stock in public funds,	700 00	
Bank stock,	16,100 00	
Money on hand or at interest,	23,868 00	
Stock in trade,	3,100 00	
Mills,	2,200 00	
Total valuation,		$337,188 00

Rate per cent. on a hundred dollars, $1.09.

AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED BY TAX.

State tax,	$ 860 00	
County tax,	656 07	
Schools,	1,025 00	
Highway tax,	1,011 56	
Surplusage,	122 18	
Tax on dogs,	68 00	
Total,		$3,742 81

Committed to Benjamin Goodhue for collection.

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Cash on hand,	$440 42	
In Collector F. Barney's hands for the years 1875, 1876 and 1877,	60 11	
In Collector D. Wilds' hands, 1878,	1 32	
Due for cemetery lots,	58 00	
Due on J. D. Todd's estate,	10 17	
Total,		$570 02

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Notes held by John D. Butler against the town,	$10,000 00	
For Hubbard legacy for library,	1,000 00	
For Hadley legacy for library,	1,000 00	
For Hubbard legacy for town's poor,	1,000 00	
Due the several school districts, literary fund,	54 74	
No. 2 school money,	64 04	
Total liabilities,		$13,118 78
Debt of the town less assets,		$12,548 66

JOHN P. HILLS,
WILLIAM F. SYMONDS,
ADOLPHUS G. FOSTER, } Selectmen of Hancock.

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Received from town treasurer, $200 00

MONEY PAID OUT.

Paid C. S. Jackson,	$177 55	
Paid J. S. Lakin for wood,	8 00	
Paid E. R. Danforth for wood,	1 00	
Paid W. P. Hall for cutting wood,	2 25	
Paid A. D. Tuttle for rent,	11 00	
Paid H. F. Robinson for chalk,	20	
		$200 00

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN P. HILLS,
WILLIAM F. SYMONDS,
ADOLPHUS G. FOSTER, } Selectmen of Hancock.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

Number of volumes in the Library March 1, 1882,	1153
Number of volumes added by donation,	86
Whole number of vols. in Library, June 30, 1882,	1350
Whole amount of money on hand, March, 1, 1882,	$170 36

MONEY EXPENDED AS FOLLOWS:

For repair of old books,	$ 16 92
New books,	142 13
Covering paper, blank book, by-law labels, &c.,	8 15
Wm. Titus, balance of money,	3 16
	$170 36

A. D. TUTTLE, Librarian.

Hancock, July 1, 1882.

LIBRARY REPORT.

We herewith present the report of the condition of the Town Library for the period beginning July 1st, 1882, ending March 1st, 1883:

Number of volumes in the library July 1, 1882,	1350
Number of volumes added by donation,	6
Number of volumes purchased,	35
Whole number of volumes in the library at the present time,	1391
Whole amount of money on hand July 1, 1882,	$ 3 16
Whole amount of money received for fines,	3 54
Received from the town one year's interest on the Hubbard and Hadley legacies, 1882,	120 00

Money expended as follows:

New Books,	$50 98
Balance of money on hand,	75 72

The books are in good condition.

HERVEY GULICK, A. C. WARE, WM. TITUS, } Committee on Library.

Hancock, March 1, 1883.

TOWN LIBRARY BUILDING.

The agents chosen by the town to purchase land for the town, and erect a Library Building thereon, present the following

REPORT.

Cost of Land, Grading and Curbing.

Cash received from Town,		$500 00
Received from A. D. Tuttle,		106 35
		$606 35
Paid J. F. Eaton for land,	$325 00	
L. B. Blanchard for curbing stone,	132 00	
Freight on stone from Concord,	17 10	
A. Jaquith for curbing stone, grading Library lot, brick for walk, and setting curbing,	132 25	
		$606 35

Cost of Library Building and Furniture.

Cash received of A. C. Whitcomb,		$3,700 00
Paid Jaquith & Copeland for stone, brick, lumber, labor and materials of all kinds used in erecting said building,	$3,416 92	
A. R. Esty, architect, for plan,	72 00	
Paid for tables, chairs, stove, chandelier, lamps, and all furniture now in said building,	211 08	
		$3,700 00
Whole cost of land, grading and curbing Library Building, and Furniture,		$4306 35

A. D. TUTTLE,
JOHN P. HILLS,
WM. F. SYMONDS,
C. M. SHELDON,
} Agents.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In presenting this report your Committee desires to express his grateful sense of the confidence reposed in him in his being selected a third time for this office. It has continued him for another year in most interesting and pleasant relations with the youth of the community. He has felt the responsibility of the position, and has tried to be faithful to its duties. The education of the young is a matter which must deeply interest every thinking parent and citizen. Education is to the mind what food is to the body. It is the appointed means by which the mind of man, or rather by which man himself, considered as an intellectual and moral existence, attains his formation and growth; and here as in other things, the initial stage is all-important. In the morning of life, when the sensibilities are unworn and tender, and the mind in all its powers is awaking to full life and activity, properly to call out and direct its energies, clearly to lay open before it the elements of knowledge and deeply to impress upon it the love of truth and order, demands a rare combination of qualities and attainments in the teacher. In so difficult a matter we are not to expect perfection in any one, but we may, and we think ought to expect from every one who assumes the responsibility of teaching the young, a love for the work; deep moral earnestness of character, and a good, if not thorough knowledge of the branches to be taught; and as practice makes perfect, experienced teachers, other things being equal, are much to be preferred. We have had in our schools during the past year rather more than the usual number of young and inexperienced teachers, but it is

due to these young teachers to say that they all gave themselves earnestly to the work, and for the most part showed good capacity, and were liked. On the whole, we think the results of the school year very good. In the matter of text books, the only change made this year has been the introduction of the Franklin Arithmetic. A good general map in each school is still greatly needed, otherwise they are fairly equipped for work.

SPECIAL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Miss Jennette S. Knowlton, teacher for the school year. Miss Knowlton fully sustained her high reputation as a teacher. She is greatly liked in this school, and under her lead steady progress was made by the scholars through the year.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

No school for lack of scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss Clara E. Wilson of Antrim, teacher of both Summer and Winter terms. Miss Wilson has excellent qualifications for teaching, and brought them to bear faithfully upon her work. Examinations were thorough, and showed good progress in the school.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer term taught by Miss Sarah F. Weston. This was Miss Weston's first experience in teaching. The school was small, but had her devoted attention and improved under it. We were pleased with her work and its results.

Winter term taught by Miss Lizzie A. Tyrrell. This was Miss Tyrrell's second term in this school. She did well; would have done still better with more scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer term taught by Miss Sarah E. Osgood of Nelson. This is a good school, and Miss Osgood a bright, earnest teacher. This was her first experience in teaching. We think a little more experience will make her a first rate teacher.

Winter term. Miss L. Katie Felch, teacher. As a first experience in teaching, we think the work done in the school was very creditable.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Miss Annie M. Lindsay teacher of both Summer and Winter terms. This was Miss Lindsay's first experience in teaching, and being young and teaching in her own district placed her at some disadvantage, but when these facts are considered we think she did well. She has excellent natural qualifications, and with experience and study can make one of the very best teachers. The school did good work under her.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer term taught by Miss Alice C. Tenney. This was Miss Tenney's first experience in teaching. She was very devoted to her scholars and her work. We are sorry that her health gave way under the strain, making it necessary to close before the expiration of the term.

Winter term taught by Mr. Alvin L. Stearns. We should like to see more teachers in our schools like Mr. Stearns. This is an excellent school, and under his government and care did excellent work.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Miss F. Mabel Estabrooks teacher of both Summer and Winter terms. Miss Estabrooks enjoys teaching, and is bright and energetic in the school room. She was much liked by parents and scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Miss Nellie A. Hadley teacher for the school year. This school takes high rank, and under the direction of this experienced teacher did very good work. Examinations reflected credit on teacher and scholars.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Perfect record for the year:

Mamie Otis, Emma S. Davis, Alice M. Davis, Charles A. Hayward, Morris J. Hayward, Flora J. Barber, Nettie J. A. Stearns, Susie A. Stearns, Frank C. Moore.

Perfect record for Summer term:

Nellie Dodge, Ida Goodhue, Frank W. Wood, Morris H. Wood, Hattie C. Fairfield, Mabel F. Fairfield, Nellie L. Davis, Annie A. Hayward, George F. Davis, Mabel M. Sheldon, Dollie B. Bowker, Maro S. Brooks, George A. Brooks, Etta S. Mathews, Bertie H. Moore, Ephie Weston.

Perfect record for Winter term:

Helen Otis, Virginio Patten, Fred Eaton, Grace E. Mulhall, Louisa E. Mulhall, Nellie M. Welsh, Frank W. S. Comstock, A. Lillia Washburn, Henry A. Barber, Frank W. Austin.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Districts.	Number of scholars. Summer.	Number of scholars. Winter.	Average attendance. Summer.	Average attendance. Winter.	Number of children from 5 to 15 not in school.	Length of summer school in weeks.	Length of winter school in weeks.	Amount of money expended.	Number of visits by S. S. Com.	Number of visits by Prud. Com.	Number of visits by citizens.	Wages of female teachers in summer, including board.	Wages of teachers in Winter including board.
1	39	41	35	39		10	10	$158 92	4		32	$30 00	$30 00
2													
3	12	13	11	12	2	8	12	104 72	4	3	9	20 00	20 00
4	3	4	$2\frac{9}{10}$	$3\frac{4}{5}$		6	$7\frac{1}{2}$	64 04	4		23	18 00	18 00
5	8	10	$7\frac{9}{10}$	$9\frac{3}{4}$		8	9	84 38	4		44	16 00	19 00
6	9	8	9	7		8	9	91 16	4	1	66	16 00	16 00
7	11	17	$9\frac{1}{5}$	13		10	11	91 16	4	1	18	16 00	24 00
8	8	10	7	8		9	11	108 11	4	2	45	20 00	20 00
9	8	11	$7\frac{9}{10}$	10		8	7	87 77 *	4	1	23	21 00	25 00

*Harrisville, No. 5, $25.00.

Respectfully submitted,

HERVEY GULICK, S. S. Committee.

LIST OF BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY.

Synthetic Phllosophy. 2 v.	100.1–2
Social Statics.	100.3
British Thoughts and Thinkers.	100.4
Common Sense Applied to Religion.	200.29
Logic of Christian Evidences.	200.30
The Origin and Growth of Religion.	200.31
New Testament.	200.32
Parliamentary Law.	320.6
Hereditary Genius.	612.6
My Summer in a Garden.	630.46
New Atmosphere.	819.21
Back Log Studies.	819.22
Leaves from the Diary of an Old Lawyer.	819.23
Bitter Sweet.	821.77
Six Girls.	823.221
Hereward.	823.222
Dr. Grimshaw's Secret.	823.223
House of Seven Gables.	823.224
The Draytons and the Davenants.	823.225
Both Sides of the Sea.	823.226
A Royal Gentleman.	823.227
Salathiel.	823.228
History of Warner.	900.130
History of Hollis.	900.131
History of Jaffrey.	900.132
History of Temple.	900.133
Bancroft's History of the Constitution of the United States. 2 v.	900.134–135
Rise of the Republic of the United States.	900.136
The English People in its Three Homes.	900.137
Historical Memorials of Westminster Abbey.	900.138
History of Antrim.	900.139
Boy Travellers in Ceylon and India.	910.159
Boy Travellers in Egypt and the Holy Land.	910.160
Knocking Around the Rockies.	910.161
Yesterdays with Authors.	920.154
Grimm's Michael Angelo. 2 v.	920.155–156

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